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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 21 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Appeal Brief filed October 24, 2006 with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 – 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of further analysis of Claim 15.

Claim 15 is a method claim and thus requires that the specific steps of the method be clearly defined. Claim 15, as it currently stands, does not specifically show the steps of the method and thus the scope of said claim is not clearly defined. Examiner recommends that Applicant use a claim structure that is similar to method Claim 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 15 – 20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 15 is a method claim and thus requires that the specific steps of the method be clearly defined. Claim 15, as it currently stands, does not specifically show

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the steps of the method and thus the scope of said claim is not clearly defined.

Examiner recommends that Applicant use a claim structure that is similar to method Claim 6. Claims 16 – 20 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 15 therefore Examiner gives same reason as set forth above.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to specifically teach or show the following:

means for automatically and periodically updating the start time to be greater than said current time, wherein said auxiliary power source does not supply power to said updating means when said main power source is incapable of supplying said power;

updating a start time to come after a current time when the communication device is in operation by an updating means, wherein said auxiliary power source does not supply power to said updating means when said main power source is incapable of supplying said power, and when the main power source is incapable of supplying said power, making a new start when a current time established by said clock coincides with a previously updated start time;

a memory for storing an augmented time which is greater than a current time and is updated periodically using a first clock; a controller powered by said auxiliary power source, said controller being configured to set a start time when

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said main power source is incapable of providing said power, wherein said auxiliary power source does not supply power to said first clock when said main power source is incapable of supplying said power.

Claim 1, including all claims that depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1, Claim 6, including all claims that depend directly or indirectly from Claim 6, and Claim 21, including all claims that depend directly or indirectly from Claim 21 are therefore allowable.

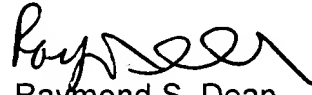
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond S. Dean whose telephone number is 571-272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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